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Fort Hays State University FHSU ROSTER

NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL-EX	HOMETOWN(Previous School)
1	Dustin Demel	QB	6'0"	190	JR-TR	Hoisington, KS(Hutchinson CC)
2	Kris Owens	WR	5'10"	185	SR-1L	Downey, CA(Cerritos College)
3	Jason Sykes	DB	5'10"	195	SR-1L	Kansas City, KS(Coffeyville CC)
4	Andrew Douglas	WR	5'10"	185	SO-1L	Kansas City, MO(Southeast Missouri St)
5	Michael Jackson	WR	6'1"	180	JR-TR	Topeka, KS(Butler County CC)
6	Dale Hall	DB	5'10"	170	JR-TR	Miami, FL(Garden City CC)
7	Marquis Thomas	DB	5'9"	168	JR-TR	Pasadena, CA(Glendale CC)
8	Russell Redeaux	DB	5'8"	175	JR-TR	Los Angeles, CA(Compton College)
9	Lance Stegman	WR	6'2"	190	SR-TR	Lyons, KS(Central Missouri State)
10	Tony Crough	LB	6'2"	235	SO-1L	Garden City, KS(Garden City HS)
11	Rob Booker	DB	6'0"	195	JR-TR	Parsons, KS(Southwest Missouri State)
12	Jason Brown	QB	6'3"	230	SR-1L	Compton, CA(Compton College)
13	JaCory Marshall	DB	5'8"	175	FR-HS	Copperas Cove, TX(Copperas Cove HS)
14	Clint Meitler	WR	6'4"	195	SO-SQ	Sylvan Grove, KS(Sylvan Unified HS)
15	Perris Verduzco	QB	6'2"	205	SO-TR	Pittsburg, CA(Rutgers University)
16	Chris Copelan	DB	6'3"	210	FR-RS	Ventura, CA(Mantitau Springs HS)
17	Weston Simoneau	PK	5'11"	170	SR-3L	Hays, KS(Hays HS)
18	Bryson Moore	K/P	6'3"	235	FR-HS	Leawood, KS(St. Thomas Aquinas HS)
19	Justin Jackson	LB	6'0"	200	SO-TR	Hill City, KS(Butler County CC)
20	Jason Broom	RB	5'7"	210	JR-TR	Sapulpa, OK(Northeastern Oklahoma St)
21	Randy Bravo	DB	6'1"	190	JR-TR	Santa Ana, CA(Santa Ana CC)
22	Vinny Walker	RB	6'0"	200	SR-1L	Los Angeles, CA(LA Valley College)
23	Michael Gray	RB	5'8"	185	FR-RS	Geneseo, KS(Ellsworth HS)
24	John Montgomery	RB	5'10"	190	FR-HS	Derby, KS(Derby HS)
25	Landon Johnson	DB	6'2"	185	FR-HS	Quinter, KS(Quinter HS)
26	Jace Pavlovich	DB	5'10"	205	JR-2L	Canton, KS(Canton-Galva HS)
27	Brent Riedy	DB	6'2"	195	SO-1L	Hope, KS(Cloud County CC)
28	Marc Henry	DB	6'3"	190	SR-2L	Clay Center, KS(Butler County CC)
29	Shawn Smith	TB	6'0"	220	JR-2L	Jetmore, KS(Hanston HS)
30	Reed Gottula	QB	6'1"	185	FR-HS	McCook, NE(McCook HS)
31	Beau Rebel	WR	6'0"	190	SO-1L	Ness City, KS(Ness City HS)
32	Jason Hamm	RB	6'0"	200	JR-TR	El Dorado, KS(Butler County CC)
33	Derrick Roberson	DE	6'1"	220	JR-TR	Newton, KS(Tabor College)
34	Brett Hutchinson	LB	6'0"	217	SO-1L	Smith Center, KS(Smith Center HS)
35	Kyle Peters	FB	6'0"	240	JR-SQ	Linn, KS(Fort Scott CC)
36	Thaddeus Brown	WR	6'3"	170	JR-TR	San Diego, CA(Grossmont CC)
37	Jeff Vaughan	LB	6'0"	230	FR-RS	Kismet, KS(Southwestern Heights HS)
38	Garrett Thompson	LB	6'2"	195	FR-HS	Canton, KS(Canton-Galva HS)
40	Jerry Johnson	RB	5'10"	230	JR-TR	Plains, KS(Garden City CC)
41	Jason Pietrzyk	DE	6'4"	252	JR-2L	Salina, KS(Salina South HS)
42	Michael Balloue	LB	5'10"	220	SR-1L	Longbeach, CA(Cerritos College)
43	Derek Clark	LB	6'0"	215	FR-HS	Burr Oak, KS(Mankato HS)
44	Brice Kadel	FB	5'10"	210	FR-RS	El Dorado, KS(El Dorado HS)
45	Shane Ohlde	LB	6'2"	225	JR-2L	Linn, KS(Linn HS)
46	E.J. Ochs	LB	6'0"	230	JR-2L	WaKeeney, KS(Trego Community HS)
47	Bryce Vance	DB	5'8"	185	FR-RS	Dighton, KS(Dighton HS)
48	Daniel Glynn	P	6'2"	230	SO-SQ	Wamego, KS(Independence CC)
50	Jason Dechant	DE	6'5"	255	SO-1L	Hays, KS(TMP-Marion HS)
51	Kyle Johnson	OL	6'2"	275	JR-2L	Burrton, KS(Burrton HS)
52	Phillip Amerine	LB	5'10"	205	FR-HS	Conway Springs, KS(Conway Springs HS)
53	Dick Barnes	LB	6'4"	215	FR-HS	Hays, KS(TMP-Marian HS)
54	Jeff Kruse	OL	6'2"	255	FR-RS	Hanover, KS(Hanover HS)
55	Luke Harrington	OL	6'2"	245	JR-TR	Garden City, KS(Hutchinson CC)
56	Justin Nusser	DL	6'5"	225	FR-HS	St. John, KS(St. John HS)
58	Bryce Wachs	LB	6'2"	190	SO-TR	Hays, KS(Hays HS)
60	Casey Seyfert	DL	6'1"	275	SR-3L	Beloit, KS(Wyoming University)
62	Allen Morgan	DL	6'2"	250	FR-HS	McCracken, KS(LaCrosse HS)
63	Tyler Strong	OL	6'2"	270	SO-1L	Medicine Lodge, KS(Medicine Lodge HS)
65	Bryan Harward	DE	6'3"	240	JR-TR	National City, CA(Southwestern CC)
66	Evan Hopkins	OL	6'2"	290	SO-SQ	Towner, CO(Plainview HS)
67	Josh Mathis	LB	6'0"	215	FR-RS	Carmi, IL(Carmi-White County HS)
68	David Garcia	OL	6'4"	300	JR-TR	Pleasant Hill, CA(Los Medanos CC)
69	Patrick Corcoran	OL	6'5"	280	JR-2L	Hutchinson, KS(Hutchinson HS)
70	Chris Ramsey	DL	6'3"	270	SO-SQ	Randall, KS(Jewell HS)
71	Chad Grunder	OL	6'4"	305	JR-2L	Oldsmar, FL(East Lake HS)
72	Bill Woods	OL	6'5"	310	FR-RS	Hays, KS(Hays HS)
75	Ian Siverly	OL	6'2"	265	FR-HS	Copperas Cove, TX(Copperas Cove HS)
76	Jason Kennedy	OL	6'5"	220	FR-HS	Pratt, KS(Pratt HS)
77	Adam Strausberg	OL	6'2"	275	FR-HS	Hutchinson, KS(Hutchinson HS)
80	Tyler Lang	TE	6'3"	200	FR-HS	WaKeeney, KS(Trego Community HS)
81	Garrett Havel	DE	6'4"	218	JR-TR	Cuba, KS(Highland CC)
82	Michael Warthen	WR	6'0"	190	SR-1L	Aurora, CO(Rangeview HS)
83	Tim Liebetrau	WR	6'1"	205	FR-HS	Woodstock, IL(Woodstock HS)
84	Brendon Pishny	TE	6'2"	235	SR-3L	Garden City, KS(Garden City HS)
85	Ryan Linton	P	6'7"	235	FR-HS	Hesston, KS(Hesston HS)
86	Kenny Rigler	WR	5'11"	175	SO-SQ	Callaway, NE(Callaway HS)
87	Kwenn Murphy	WR	6'1"	185	SO-TR	Kansas City, KS(Coffeyville CC)
88	Matt Allen	TE	6'5"	225	FR-HS	Hays, KS(TMP-Marian HS)
90	Kelly Griffith	DE	6'5"	260	FR-RS	Jewell, KS(Jewell HS)
91	Darin Gronewoller	DL	6'2"	265	SO-1L	Beloit, KS(Beloit HS)
92	Tyler Parsons	DL	6'4"	230	FR-HS	Wichita, KS(Wichita East HS)
94	Dustin Herrs	DE	6'4"	250	JR-2L	Norton, KS(Norton Community HS)
95	Larry Meggett	DL	6'5"	285	SO-TR	Columbia, SC(Butler County CC)
98	Jerry Samuels	TE	6'3"	310	SR-1L	Panama City, FL(Hutchinson CC)
99	Brandon May	TE	6'6"	245	SO-1L	Dodge City, KS(Dodge City HS)

Head Coach: Tim O'Connor(Boise State, 1992)

Assistant Coaches: Bryan Maring, Jeff Walker, Mike Norris, Jeremy Hawks, Lenny Doerfler, Levi Kramer, Steve Gleason, Chris Krich, Ryan Walterand Chad Adams. **Athletic Trainer:** Brian Razak. **Managers:** Brett Marrs, Jalanna Newkirk and Brett Cales. **Filmers:** Kyle Dohm and Michael Quade.

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Fort Hays State University

TODAY'S GAME

THE GAME: Today's non conference game features the Hornets of Emporia State University and the Tigers of Fort Hays State University. This is the season opener for both teams. It marks the seventh time in ten seasons the Tigers and Hornets have played on opening day.

THE SERIES: ESU leads the series against FHSU 42-30-2 but the Tigers won last year's game 16-10 at Emporia, Kan. The Hornets won the previous three games. The Tigers are 4-6 against the Hornets in the last ten seasons.

LAST YEAR: The Tigers spoiled the debut of former Nebraska Cornhusker and Wichita Collegiate star DeAngelo Evans by defeating the Hornets 16-10 in front of 7,305 fans at Welch Stadium, the largest opening home crowd in school history. Evans scored on the third play of the game to put ESU up 7-0, but FHSU responded with 13 unanswered first quarter points and would not trail again. Tiger QB Jason Brown threw for 242 yards and two touchdowns in his Tiger debut and the black and gold defense held Evans to 93 yards rushing on 20 carries. It was the Tigers third victory at Welch Stadium since 1990.

THE COACHES: Tim O'Connor is in his first season of directing the FHSU football program. The Boise State University graduate has been a Tiger assistant coach since 1992. His first squad was picked by conference coaches to finish fourth in the RMAC this season. Hornets head coach David Wiemers is also in his first season after taking over for Jerry Kill who resigned last spring. Wiemers spent the past two years as the Hornets Assistant Head Coach and offensive coordinator. He also has coaching experience at Saginaw Valley St, Pittsburg St. and Seaman High School in Topeka.

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY: The Hornets return 41 letterwinners and 16 starters from a team that went 6-5 in 2000. ESU was picked to finish 7th in the MIAA pre-season coaches poll. 7 starters return on offense including quarterback Kelton Copeland (1,352 yds/pass. 16 TD's - 573 yds/rush. 3 TD's) who started all 11 games for the Hornets last season. Copeland lost his favorite target in All-American wide receiver Lester McCoy, but ESU returns their next top seven receivers. Included in that group is Dan Williams who caught 13 passes for 130 yards and 1 TD. The offense also lost first team All-MIAA runningback DeAngelo Evans. He'll be replaced in the lineup by Shon Wells (31-175) and Tyler Paul (24-146). The offensive line welcome's back four starters from a year ago including Wes Hill who was an honorable mention all-conference performer last season. Senior tight end Jason Ferguson was also honorable mention All-MIAA.

Defensively, ESU will be led by first team All-MIAA standout Dontaye McCoy, a junior strong safety who led the MIAA with 6 interceptions and led the team with 4 sacks. Charles Greer also returns to a solid Hornet secondary after making 71 tackles and earning honorable mention all-conference honors. Two starters return at linebacker including Chad Pratz (H.M. All-MIAA) and Brent Matzke (64 tackles/ 1 int./ 2 fumble recoveries). Overall, 8 starters return on defense. Punter Pat Amon returns after averaging 36.8 yards per punt in 2000.

FORT HAYS STATE UNIVERSITY: Quarterback Jason Brown returns to lead the offense after throwing for 1,812 yards and 17 touchdowns last season. Transfer Jason Broom has impressed in pre-season drills at tailback and will share time with veteran Vinnie Walker at that position. Broom scored 51 career touchdowns at Sapulpa (OK) High School where he led the state in rushing his senior season with over 2,400 yards on the ground. He averaged 6.4 yards per carry last season at Northeastern Oklahoma State. The offensive line has 3 starters back from a year ago including first team All-RMAC center Kyle Johnson. Tight end Brendon Pishny is back after being named to the honorable mention all-conference team. At receiver, the Tigers have several players looking to make an impact in their first game. Ness City sophomore Beau Rebel is the top returning receiver after catching 23 passes for 352 yards and a touchdown in 2000.

FHSU has 7 starters back on defense from a unit that finished second in the RMAC in 2000. The unit includes first team All-RMAC defensive tackle Casey Seyfert. Last season the Beloit senior tied for the team lead with 14 tackles for loss. Free Safety Marc Henry and defensive end Jason Pietrzyk also return after earning honorable mention all-conference honors a year ago. The other returning starters include linebacker Tony Crough, defensive end Jason Dechant and strong safety Jace Pavlovich. FHSU lost All-American punter Adam Ryan to graduation but welcomes back kicker Wes Simoneau. Simoneau was red-shirted last season with an injury but returns this season needing 6 field goals and 41 points to break two career kicking marks currently held by former Tiger Roy Miller.

TIGER OFFENSE

WR - 5	Mike Jackson	6-1	180	JR-TR
LT - 68	David Garcia	6-4	300	JR-TR
LG - 77	Adam Strausberg	6-2	275	FR-HS
C - 51	Kyle Johnson	6-2	275	JR-2L
RG - 63	Tyler Strong	6-2	270	SO-1L
RT - 69	Pat Corcoran	6-5	280	JR-2L
TE - 84	Brendon Pishny	6-2	235	SR-3L
WR - 31	Beau Rebel	6-0	190	SO-1L
FB - 29	Shawn Smith	6-0	220	JR-2L
TB - 20	Jason Broom	5-7	210	JR-TR
QB - 12	Jason Brown	6-3	230	SR-1L

TIGER DEFENSE

LE - 41	Jason Pietrzak	6-4	252	JR-2L
LT - 98	Jerry Samuels	6-2	310	SR-1L
RT - 60	Casey Seyfert	6-1	275	SR-3L
RE - 65	Bryan Harward	6-3	240	JR-TR
SAM - 10	Tony Crough	6-2	235	SO-1L
MLB - 46	E.J. Ochs	6-0	230	JR-2L
WILL - 42	Michael Balloue	5-10	220	SR-1L
LCB - 7	Marquis Thomas	5-9	168	JR-TR
RCB - 6	Dale Hall	5-10	170	JR-TR
FS - 28	Marc Henry	6-3	190	SR-2L
SS - 26	Jace Pavlovich	5-10	205	JR-2L

TIGER SPECIALISTS

H - 1	Dustin Demel	6-0	190	JR-TR
PK - 17	Wes Simoneau	5-11	170	SR-3L
P - 48	Daniel Glynn	6-2	230	SO-SQ
KR - 36	Thaddeus Brown	6-3	170	JR-TR
PR - 1	Dustin Demel	6-0	190	JR-TR
LS - 26	Jace Pavlovich	5-10	205	JR-2L

HORNET OFFENSE

WR - 14	Jeb Clements	5-11	190	SR-3L
LT - 78	Anthony Whetstone	6-7	302	SO-1L
LG - 79	Shujuan Washington	6-0	306	SR-1L
C - 55	Chris Corsair	6-0	281	JR-2L
RG - 63	Eric Martin	6-1	300	SO-1L
RT - 77	Wes Hill	6-6	293	JR-2L
TE - 89	Louis Lamb	6-4	281	SO-1L
FL - 88	Henry Johnson	6-2	205	SO-1L
FB - 38	Josh Sanders	6-1	200	SO-1L
TB - 40	Shon Wells	5-8	190	SO-1L
QB - 11	Kelton Copeland	6-1	190	JR-2L

HORNET DEFENSE

DE - 98	Phillip Mabion	6-4	235	SO-RS
DT - 51	Justin Kohlmeir	6-2	240	SO-1L
DT - 92	Falco Grehl	6-6	290	SO-1L
DE - 65	Brett Peters	6-0	221	SO-1L
OLB - 48	Brett Matzke	6-0	206	SR-2L
MLB - 44	Chad Pratz	6-1	233	SR-2L
OLB - 24	Josh Williams	6-1	195	SO-1L
CB - 8	Larry Randle	5-9	168	JR-2L
CB - 12	John Scott	6-0	190	SO-1L
SS - 7	Dontaye McCoy	6-1	211	JR-2L
FS - 1	Charles Greer	6-1	190	JR-2L

HORNET SPECIALISTS

H - 33	Pat Amon	5-10	155	SR-3L
PK - 37	Justin Gray	5-10	185	FR-HS
P - 33	Pat Amon	5-10	155	SR-3L
KR - 40	Shon Wells	5-8	175	SO-1L
PR - 15	Andre Day	5-11	184	SO-1L
LS - 72	Andy Bandstra	6-0	239	SO-1L

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NO	NAME	POS	HT	WT	CL	HOMETOWN(Previous School)
1	Charles Greer	DB	5'11"	193	JR	Lancaster, TX(Lancaster HS)
2	John Scott	DB	6'0"	190	SO	Houston, TX(Spring HS)
4	Oscar Rodriguez	DB	5'11"	175	FR	Liberal, KS(Liberal HS)
5	Daniel Williams	WR	6'1"	193	SO	Harker Heights, TX(Ellison HS)
6	Jason Kennedy	DB	6'1"	190	SO	Wichita, KS(Andover HS)
7	Dontaye McCoy	DB	6'1"	211	JR	Wichita, KS(Southeast HS)
8	Larry Randle	DB	5'9"	168	JR	Wichita, KS(Southeast HS)
9	Ryan Johnson	WR	6'1"	180	JR	Miami, FL(Carson Newman)
10	Tad Hatfield	QB	6'3"	185	FR	Riverton, KS(Riverton HS)
11	Kelton Copeland	QB	6'1"	190	JR	Miami, FL(Saginaw Valley)
13	Neal Myers	DL	6'4"	245	JR	Rolla, MO(Arkansas State)
14	Jeb Clements	WR	5'11"	181	SR	Emporia, KS(Emporia HS)
15	Andre Day	WR	5'11"	184	SO	Kansas City, KS(Turner HS)
16	Ryan Majors	QB	6'3"	198	JR	Overland Park, KS(SM West)
18	Kevin Kemp	LB	6'0"	215	SO	Pawhuska, OK(Pawhuska HS)
21	Adam Melichar	DB	6'2"	205	FR	Pratt, KS(Pratt HS)
22	Tyler Paul	RB	5'10"	180	SO	Enterprise, KS(Chapman HS)
23	Lucas Waller	DB	6'1"	170	FR	Chanute, KS(Chanute HS)
24	Josh Williams	DB	6'1"	195	SO	Concordia, KS(Concordia HS)
27	Josh Oldfather	DB	5'8"	160	SO	Dodge City, KS(Dodge City HS)
29	Jody Perry	RB	5'10"	195	JR	Whigham, GA(Fort Scott CC)
30	Clete Frazell	RB	5'10"	195	SO	Chanute, KS(Chanute HS)
33	Pat Amon	P	5'10"	155	SR	Holton, KS(Holton HS)
35	Brian King	RB	5'11"	185	FR	Hvansville, KS(Onaga HS)
36	Jovani Gonzalez	SS	6'2"	215	FR	Marathon, FL(Marathon HS)
37	Justin Gray	K/P	5'10"	185	FR	Liberal, KS(Liberal HS)
38	Josh Sanders	RB	6'1"	200	SO	Dolton, IL(Thornridge HS)
39	Michael Williams	DB	5'10"	170	SR	Osage City, KS(Osage City HS)
40	Shon Wells	RB	5'8"	175	SO	Rolla, MO(Rolla HS)
41	Jordan Bell	DB	5'11"	170	SO	Wichita, KS(Bishop Carroll HS)
44	Chad Pratz	LB	6'1"	233	SR	Wheeling, WV(Linsley HS)
45	Jason Ferguson	TE	6'3"	242	SR	Mattawan, MI(Grand Rapids)
47	Brad Johnson	DB	5'11"	200	JR	Minneapolis, KS(Highland CC)
48	Brent Matzke	LB	6'0"	206	SR	Westmoreland, KS(Onaga HS)
51	Justin Kohlmeier	DL	6'2"	240	SO	Cottonwood Falls, KS(Butler County CC)
52	Cal Gast	LB	5'11"	215	FR	Kansas City, MO(Rockhurst HS)
54	Dusty Delany	LB	6'0"	215	FR	Florence, KS(Marion HS)
55	Chris Corsair	OL	6'0"	281	JR	Bazine, KS(Bazine HS)
57	Brad Ochs	DL	6'0"	229	SR	Gridley, KS(Gridley HS)
58	Eddie Reynolds	LB	5'10"	185	FR	Miami, FL(American HS)
59	Rocadren Lee	DE	6'2"	225	FR	Miami, FL(Southridge HS)
60	Micah Minshall	OL	6'3"	285	FR	Olathe, KS(University of Missouri)
61	Jeff Lohmeyer	LB	6'4"	215	FR	Osage City, KS(Osage City HS)
62	Ken Nelson	OL	5'11"	270	JR	Gardner, KS(Highland CC)
63	Eric Martin	OL	6'1"	300	SO	Hutchinson, KS(Buhler HS)
65	Brett Peters	DE	6'0"	221	SO	Ft. Meyers, FL(Bishop Verdt HS)
66	Wes Bell	OL	6'4"	285	JR	Melvern, KS(Independence CC)
69	James Perimines	OL	6'3"	250	FR	Miami, FL(Southridge HS)
72	Andrew Bandstra	OL	6'0"	239	SO	Belton, MO(Belton HS)
76	Aaron Hunt	OL	6'4"	265	FR	Emporia, KS(Kansas University)
77	Wes Hill	OL	6'6"	293	JR	Sabetha, KS(Sabetha HS)
78	Anthony Whetstone	OL	6'7"	302	SO	Manhattan, KS(Manhattan HS)
79	Shujuan Washington	OL	6'0"	306	JR	Pine Bluff, AR(Arkansas-Pine Bluff)
81	Reggie Foster	WR	5'8"	183	JR	Overland Park, KS(Ft. Scott CC)
88	Henry Johnson	WR	6'2"	200	JR	Miami, FL(Glenville State)
89	Louis Lamb	TE	6'4"	280	SO	Opa-Locka, FL(Miami Carol City HS)
92	Falco Grehl	DL	6'6"	290	SO	Hamburg, Germany(Conway Springs HS)
93	Jeff Zimmerman	TE	6'3"	220	FR	Kansas City, KS(Piper HS)
98	Philip Mabion	DL	6'4"	235	SO	Kansas City, KS(Hutchinson CC)
99	Robert Barley	DL	6'0"	285	FR	Wichita, KS(Wichita Heights HS)

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